

**University of South Carolina Upstate  
Community Outreach Partnership Center**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In November 2005, the University of South Carolina Upstate (USC Upstate) was awarded a three-year Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The total amount of the grant was \$394,536, and USC Upstate and its 12 community partners committed an additional \$1.512 million in support of the award. Grant activities focus on improving health, education, and community development on the Southside of Spartanburg. Since January 2006, a total of 26 faculty members have worked on 14 major projects in collaboration with our community partners.

The grant has proved to be an overwhelming success during its first seven months in operation. Several indicators are important to mention:

- 26 faculty members have contributed \$78,331 in time to the grant, all of which has been paid by the University. The University has also contributed another \$12,733 to support the grant in various capacities;
- 211 USC Upstate students have contributed 5,031.5 hours in internships and service-learning activities related to the grant. This is the equivalent of \$40,252. The students have been involved in the following activities: tutoring and mentoring young people, teaching young people about the fine arts, leading youth leadership initiatives, screening people for disease and educating them about health, participating in important research projects, and working for nonprofit organizations that help people;
- Our community partners have contributed \$71,151 in cash and in-kind support to enhance COPC-related projects;

- More than 825 young people on the Southside of Spartanburg (elementary, middle school, and high school) have benefited from one or more educational programs sponsored by the COPC grant;
- 6,254 people have attended health education programs supported by the COPC grant, and 1,406 of these people were screened for disease and other health challenges.

We look forward to building on the success of the grant over the next 2.5 years.

Next semester, for instance, we will launch exciting new programs in technology education, global education, and work force development. These programs will impact people of different ages on Spartanburg's Southside. Our COPC grant is making a difference in the lives of people, and we appreciate this opportunity to work with others to improve our community.